

EXTENSIONS OF REMARKS

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. DAVID J. TRONE

OF MARYLAND

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, July 6, 2021

Mr. TRONE. Madam Speaker, on June 25, 2021, I was unavoidably detained. Had I been present, I would have voted "YEA" on Roll Call No. 185.

I strongly support S.J. Res. 14 to invalidate the Trump Administration's 2020 Methane Recission Rule and restore methane pollution standards for new and modified oil and gas facilities. I am pleased this Joint Resolution was signed into law.

HONORING THE PHILADELPHIA ORCHESTRA AND KIMMEL CENTER

HON. DWIGHT EVANS

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, July 6, 2021

Mr. EVANS. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor two cultural institutions in my district who have announced that they are formally merging. The Philadelphia Orchestra and the Kimmel Center are poised to bring the greatest performances and most impactful education and community programs, in person and digitally, to audiences in Philadelphia, nationally and worldwide.

This merger is an example of how cultural and creative non-profits can be drivers of a post-pandemic economy. The creative and performing arts play an integral role in Philadelphia and across all Congressional Districts. This new cultural and creative non-profit will be led by Matias Tarnopolsky. America is a land of immigrants and his family's journey from Argentina to the United Kingdom to California to Pennsylvania is inspiring.

The Kimmel Center is America's premier performing arts venue. I join countless Philadelphians with unforgettable memories from visits to this exquisite hall. My constituents and visitors from across the world have watched performances there as well as celebrating weddings and graduations.

The Philadelphia Orchestra has a deep partnership with the State Department. They are the only American orchestra to visit Vietnam. They have performed for our troops in Korea and to mark 30 years of democracy, they made history by traveling to Mongolia.

I join the constituents of Pennsylvania's 3rd Congressional District in extending warm wishes to the Philadelphia Orchestra and the Kimmel Center in this new venture.

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HON. JIM HAGEDORN

OF MINNESOTA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. HAGEDORN. Madam Speaker, had I been present for the vote on Agreeing to the Lamb Amendment En Bloc No. 1, I would have voted nay; had I been present for the vote on Agreeing to the Defazio Amendment En Bloc No. 3, I would have voted nay; had I been present for the vote on Agreeing to the Defazio Amendment En Bloc No. 4, I would have voted nay; and had I been present for the vote on Agreeing to the Van Dyne Amendment No. 108, I would have voted Yea.

INTRODUCTION OF A BILL TO PERMIT THE FLAG OF THE UNITED STATES TO BE FLOWN AT HALF-STAFF IN THE EVENT OF THE DEATH OF A MAYOR OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

HON. ELEANOR HOLMES NORTON

OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Ms. NORTON. Madam Speaker, today, I introduce a bill that would make a small but respectful change to federal law by adding the Mayor of the District of Columbia to the list of named principals for whom the President shall order the U.S. flag be flown at half-staff. Current law states that the President shall make this order "upon the death of principal figures of the United States Government and the Governor of a State, territory, or possession, as a mark of respect to their memory." Surely the D.C. Mayor should qualify as such a principal. My bill would add the D.C. Mayor, who has the same responsibilities as state and territory governors, to the current list of officials. This bill is a continuation of our "Free and Equal D.C." series to ensure fair recognition of the nearly 700,000 citizens of the District of Columbia. Last Congress, the Judiciary Committee passed the bill.

Congress has already acknowledged that the District of Columbia is entitled to a place among the states for certain honors. The requested addition is not as expansive as others that Congress has already recognized. For example, legislation I have gotten enacted has ensured that the District of Columbia War Memorial honors only District residents who served in World War I, as intended, and that D.C.'s Frederick Douglass statue sits in the Capitol, alongside statues from the 50 states. We also successfully worked with the U.S. Postal Service to create a D.C. stamp, like the stamps for the 50 states, and worked with the National Park Service to add the D.C. flag alongside the state flags near Union Station.

Legislation was also enacted to give D.C. a coin after it was omitted from legislation cre-

ating coins for the 50 states. Legislation required the armed services to display the District flag whenever the flags of the states are displayed. With these significant actions by Congress, it is not too much to ask to add the Mayor to the list of principals who are recognized upon their deaths.

I urge my colleagues to support this bill.

CONGRATULATING THE ROTARY CLUB OF QUITMAN, TEXAS, ON 75 YEARS OF SERVICE

HON. LANCE GOODEN

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, July 6, 2021

Mr. GOODEN of Texas. Madam Speaker, I rise today to congratulate the Rotary Club of Quitman, Texas, which is celebrating 75 years of service.

Since January 7, 1946, the Rotary Club of Quitman has consistently served not only the Quitman community, but also Wood County, Texas, and beyond.

The membership of this club has included innovative leaders of business and government, city council members, mayors, school principals, administrators, superintendents, doctors, lawyers, members of the clergy, and numerous prominent citizens of the Quitman community.

While membership is important, the true measure of a club or organization is the service they provide to their community. In this regard, the Rotary Club of Quitman is truly admirable.

The club concentrates its efforts to support the youth of the Quitman Independent School District and other worthy community initiatives. During its long history, it has funded college scholarships for graduating seniors, sponsored a Rotaract club for high school students, funded the first infrared camera for the city's fire department, supported youth at Rotary Youth Leadership Awards (RYLA) camp, as well as other efforts to support the youth. One of the scholarships honors a local veteran of the Vietnam Conflict who, after a distinguished military career, served as Wood County Judge and a Rotarian.

I wish to thank each member of the Rotary Club of Quitman for their continuous, dedicated commitment to improving the lives of others. It is an honor to represent these members in our Nation's Capital.

Again, congratulations to the Rotary Club of Quitman, Texas on 75 outstanding years.

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